

Appln. No.: 10/735,798
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 19 and 26 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in connection with claims 1-26 to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Claim 31 has been amended to distinguish Applicants' invention more clearly over Jarrett and Foster. With reference to figure 10, the piston is recited as having upper and lower piston portions with each having at least one annular wall with a joining surface. A weld joint unites the joining surfaces. The joined mating surfaces are locally thinned at the weld joint in the radial direction to define a necked region at the weld joint on radially opposite sides of the joined walls. This structure is neither shown nor suggested by Jarrett or Foster. Neither has a necked region and there is no teaching or suggestion to provide one. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that claim 31 is allowable as amended.

The allowance of claims 27-30 is respectfully acknowledged.

It is believed that this application now is in condition for allowance. Further and favorable action is requested.

Please charge the Terminal Disclaimer fee required under 37 CFR 1.20(d) of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-0420 in the name of Federal-Mogul World Wide, Inc. The Patent Office is authorized to charge or refund any fee deficiency or excess to Deposit Account No. 06-0420 in the name of Federal-Mogul World Wide, Inc.

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